

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2002-83-T - ORDER NO. 2002-419

JUNE 3, 2002

IN RE:	Application of South Carolina Tariff Bureau,)	ORDER APPROVING
	Inc., Post Office Box 25803, Columbia, SC)	INSURANCE
	29224 to Modify its Rates and Charges listed)	SURCHARGE
	in Tariff No. 3 to Add a 5% Insurance)	
	Surcharge.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina on the Application of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau (SCTB) to modify its rates and charges listed in Tariff No. 3 to add a 5% insurance surcharge.

As per the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, a Notice of Filing on the matter was published one time in a newspaper of general circulation. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were filed. We will therefore proceed to rule on the matter.

SCTB states that a number of its movers of household goods who have renewed their insurance policies at the beginning of the year are experiencing catastrophic increases in their insurance premiums. For reasons beyond its control, SCTB states that insurance premiums have increased significantly, due to the fact that the insurance industry is now in a "hard market cycle." Further, SCTB states that the events of September 11, 2001 have contributed to the increase in premiums. No information is available with regard to how long the premiums will be increased or how much they will increase until the final cost of the September 11 events has been determined.

Because of the uncertainty of the final outcome and timeframe, SCTB is requesting that this Commission approve an insurance surcharge of 5%. SCTB compares the sudden rise in insurance costs with the sudden rise seen in the past in fuel cost. This Commission has approved a fuel surcharge in the past because of the sudden rise in such costs. SCTB requests that this insurance surcharge be approved on transit related items only. SCTB enclosed documentation of its assertions of rises in insurance premiums along with its application.

We hereby approve the insurance surcharge of 5% on transit related items only, subject to all Commission statutes and regulations. However, Commission Staff shall audit companies quarterly with regard to insurance costs, and report the status of insurance rates to the Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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